

MYSTIC COOPERATIVE TASK GROUP
MEETING SUMMARY
AUGUST 20, 2012
B.F. HOXIE FIRE STATION
34 BROADWAY, MYSTIC

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Cunningham at 8:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Tricia Cunningham, Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce; Rick Norris, Michael Murphy and Barbara Strother, Town of Groton; Ed Haberek, Town of Stonington; Ken Wilson, Mystic Seaport; John Kennedy, Mystic Flag Committee; Jerry Olson, Olde Mystic Village; Bill Scheer, Mystic River Park Commission; and Sarah Lathrop, Stonington.

II. DISCUSSION OF MEETING SUMMARY OF JUNE 18, 2012

The minutes of June 18, 2012 were accepted, as written.

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Update on Mystic Streetscape Project

Groton - Rick Norris reported that the contractor is currently finishing up installation of the pavers, punch list items, and furnishing/fixtures, etc. The wire removal by CL & P has been done, and the cable company's contractor and AT & T should be able to take down the remaining wires in the next couple of weeks, then there will be final pole removal and infill at those sites. It was noted that 3 poles will remain due to the upcoming year 3 of the bridge project.

Work is proceeding on Phase II, which will cover the area from the Public Rest Rooms on Water Street to the island at Noank Road and Water Street. The estimated timeframe is for the project to be bid later in the fall and the work started in the spring of 2013, at the earliest. This Phase will mainly include replacing the sidewalks, and will also shift some of the sidewalk to create 5-6 parking spaces in the area of Randall's Wharf.

Several of those present commented on how good the Phase I Project results look.

B. Update on Bridge Repair Project

Tricia Cunningham noted that last year there was no 54-hour road closure as part of the project. In recent conversations with project staff, they reported that a 54-hour closure as part of the upcoming portion of the project will happen before January 1st - on November 1, 2, and the early hours of November 3rd.

C. Other


1. Mystic Flag Pole Repairs - John Kennedy reported that Flag Committee has created a booklet on the history of the flag pole which they had for

sale at the Art Festival. Copies of the booklet were viewed by those present. The Flag Committee is now pursuing other ways to sell the \$7 booklet.

2. Properties in Mystic - It was noted that the Chipperini Property on Library Street has been sold. An update on the Central Hall building was also provided, including some changes to the site plan that are currently before the Planning Commission.
3. Coogan Boulevard - Ed Haberek reported that Stonington is in the process of reallocating some funding to redo Coogan Boulevard. This will include road and sidewalk work to try and make it easier when driving in this area, and also make it more of a gateway.
4. Coogan Farm - Tricia Cunningham provided an update on the current efforts to raise funds to purchase the historic 34-acre farm located on Route 27. The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center is holding walks each Sunday as part of this effort. She recommended contacting the Nature Center for more information.
5. Promotion Efforts - Ed Haberek reported that he has met with Steve Coan and Steve White from the Aquarium and Seaport to discuss ways the Town can work with them to leverage efforts and work together to continue to attract visitors to the area, especially given the impact of gas and other rising costs.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.



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